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## **Southeast Colorado bridge maintenance project to begin second phase**

### **Construction to resume April 5th**

**Kiowa County** - The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin the second phase of bridge maintenance in southeast Colorado on Monday following the winter shutdown. The project will take place in Kiowa and Baca Counties at several locations. Myers and Sons Construction has been selected for this project.

Bridge maintenance operations will resume in Kiowa County north of Springfield on US 287 at MP 122.5, eight miles north of Eads. Work will then continue at MP 32.2, 21.1 and MP 100.5, 14 miles south of Eads. Crews will continue to work towards Springfield, and will pave the roadway this summer. The project is expected to be completed in July 2021.

This maintenance project consists of removal of concrete pavement, asphalt mat, and portions of the present bridge structures. Construction will then begin laying concrete pavement, starting flow fill, resetting the bridge rail, and sealing and waterproofing the bridge.

#### **TRAFFIC IMPACTS:**

Travelers will encounter bridge repair operations Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Speeds will be reduced to 40 mph in work zones. Traffic control and temporary signals will be operating 24/7 with one lane closures at project work zones. Wide load restrictions of 12 ft will be in effect. Motorists are urged to use caution and watch for heavy equipment. At



times, through lanes and turn lanes may be temporarily closed to traffic causing brief travel delays. Any temporary closures are to ensure the safety of the workers and the traveling public.

**REMEMBER: SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE** The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be patient!

**PROJECT & TRAVEL INFORMATION** For additional information about this project:

- Call the project information line at (719) 430-4255
- Email the project team at [us287lamarbridge@gmail.com](mailto:us287lamarbridge@gmail.com)
- Visit the project website at:  
<https://www.codot.gov/projects/us287-prev-bridge-maintenance>

Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- Road conditions and travel information: [www.COtrip.org](http://www.COtrip.org)
- Sign up for project or travel alerts: [bit.ly/COalerts](http://bit.ly/COalerts)
- See scheduled lane closures: [codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html](http://codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html)
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